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To: Microsoft ATR **Date:** 1/4/02 9:37am

Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Gentlemen:

It appears to us that the Justice Department is coming very near to destroying one of our greatest American companies. Microsoft should be left entirely free to invent and innovate to the limits of their capabilities. They should not be forced to share their proprietary information with their competitors. Our recession started with the opening of the "Let's get Microsoft." governmental mind set and action. In athletics we do not force the lead runner or team to slow down or score less for their competitor's benefit!

For your information, we own Microsoft, Sun Microsystems, Dell, Oracle, Texas Instruments, AOL and Gateway stock.

We urge you to discontinue and put an end to this lawsuit in a timely fashion for the sake not only of most American consumers, but for the economic welfare of our country as well.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Thomson and Florence W. Thomson (Mrs. Alexander M. Thomson)